

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 15 as follows and please add new claim 21.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The cash management system of claim 15, further comprising I/O devices, wherein the I/O devices communicate through the first wireless communication network, and wherein the I/O devices are selected from a group consisting of: a printer, a scanner, a visual display, a keyboard, a cell phone, a pager, a personal digital assistant and a personal computer.
3. (Previously presented) The cash management system of claim 15, wherein at least one of said first cash handling device and said second cash handling device is electrically connected to a second network selected from a group consisting of: the Internet, an intranet, a LAN and a WAN.
4. (Previously presented) The cash management system of claim 3, wherein said at least one of said first cash handling device and said second cash handling device is connected to the second network through a wireless communication connection.
5. (Previously presented) The cash management system of claim 15, wherein the wireless communication network operates according to the Bluetooth specification.
6. (Original) The cash management system of claim 5, wherein the wireless communication network further operates according to the RS-232 protocol.
7. (Previously presented) The cash management system of claim 15, wherein the wireless communication network operates in a frequency hopping, spread spectrum range of frequencies in a range from 2.4 Ghz to 2.56 GHz.
8. (Previously presented) The cash management system of claim 20, wherein the wireless communication network operates in an infrared frequency range according to the IrDA standard.
9. (Previously presented) The cash management system of claim 15, wherein the wireless communication network operates

in a piconet distinguished from other networks by a selected frequency hopping sequence.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A cash management system comprising:

a first cash handling device for processing notes including sorting of notes, totaling of notes received, and communicating note totals to at least one of: a second cash handling device machine, a visual display and communication through a network, wherein said first cash handling device does not the capability to receive or dispense coins;

a second cash handling device for processing coins including sorting of coins, totaling of coins received, and communicating coin totals to at least one of: the first cash handling machine, a visual display and a network, wherein said second cash handling device does not have the capability to receive or dispense notes; and

wherein said first cash handling device and said second cash handling device have respective circuits for communicating ~~communicate~~ through a first wireless communication network operating according to a network standard for locally distributed wireless networks operating without servers; and

wherein the first cash handling device and the second cash handling device provide a cooperative cash management system in which the totals for notes and coins, respectively, are brought together through wireless communication from these respective devices within a range of no more than 100 meters from each other and are displayed on at least one of the first cash handling device, the second cash handling device or a third device operating as a visual display no more than 100 meters from one of the first the first cash handling device and the second cash handling device.

16. (Original) The cash management system of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of I/O devices which communicate through the first wireless communication network to at least one of said first cash handling machine and said second cash handling machine.

17. (Original) The cash management system of claim 20, wherein the first wireless communication network operates according to the Bluetooth specification.

18. (Original) The cash management system of claim 17, wherein said at least one of said first cash handling device and said second cash handling device communicates through the wireless communication network to a second network selected from a group consisting of: the Internet, an intranet, a LAN and a WAN.

19. (Original) The cash management system of claim 15, wherein said first cash handling machine will accept batches of notes of unsorted denominations and said second cash handling machine will accept batches of coins of unsorted denominations.

20. (Original) The cash management system of claim 15, wherein the first wireless communication network operates according to the local wireless network specification and in which a range of communication is limited to approximately 100 meters.

21. (New) The cash management system of claim 15, wherein the second cash handling device is a master unit and the first cash handling device is a slave unit.